



NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Deborah Gilg and the FBI announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release: United States District Court Judge Laurie Smith Camp sentenced Alisa Baxter to a term of incarceration of a year and one day for her conviction on assault with a dangerous weapon. Baxter was further ordered to serve a term of supervised release of three years following her release from imprisonment. In sentencing Baxter, Judge Smith Camp deviated from the sentencing guidelines because the incident started as a mutual combat between Baxter and the victim.

On April 24, 2009, Baxter and the victim, as well as others, were drinking to the point of intoxication. When they returned to the home of one of the participants at 7 am, an argument broke out between Baxter and the victim over \$17.00 which was claimed to be missing. Baxter became angry and punched the victim. The victim fought back by punching Baxter in the face. Baxter then left the living room and went into an adjoining kitchen and grabbed a butcher knife and threw it at the victim. The knife penetrated the victim's neck and severed the external carotid artery. The victim needed surgery to repair the damage.

Name of Defendant: Alisa Ann Baxter

AKA:

Age: 39

City of residence: Macy, Nebraska

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Assault with a dangerous weapon in violation of 18 USC §113(a)(3). The maximum statutory penalty is ten years of imprisonment, three years of supervised release and a \$100 special assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Macy, Nebraska

Location of Arrest: Macy, Nebraska

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug:

Others Charged in Same Scheme:

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: April 24, 2009

Federal Arrest Date: May 26, 2009

Date Complaint Issued:

Indictment Returned Date: May 21, 2009

Initial Appearance Date: May 27, 2009

Plea or Trial and Date(s): July 24, 2009

Sentencing Date: November 16, 2009

Next Court Hearing Type and Date:

Assigned Magistrate Judge: Honorable Thomas D. Thalken

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: Released on conditions

In Continuous Custody Since:

Assigned District Court Judge: Honorable Laurie Smith Camp

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